

## FOR THE RECORD

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- 1) What are the limits to government funding of religious schools. Where does it end?
- 2) All institutions—religious or not—are entitled to police protection when specifically threatened. But what evidence have these schools provided that their students are unsafe all of a sudden after years and years of operating WITHOUT government-funded security?
- 3) How is it fair that PRIVATE schools can now have these guards ON DEMAND under this bill when not all PUBLIC schools have that right?
- 4) Do you support amending the bill to limit the funding to groups that do not discriminate on any of the bases covered in the City human rights law in the provision of services and hiring including sexual orientation and gender identity? (This is required when charitable arms of religions are given government money to fund services. The federal government denies funding to schools that racially discriminate.)
- 5) Will you add funding for security for the street youth programs where the kids are in peril and where there is a danger of violence in the facilities? And for housing them to ensure their safety? What about the crossing guards that Queens officials have been pleading for—yet being told by the mayor there is no money?
- 6) How does this bill NOT run afoul with the clause below in the New York State constitution—and the Establishment Clause of the US Constitution?
- 7) What concerns—if any—do you have that many of these schools condemn homosexuality, deny equal roles to women and girls, and discriminate in hiring on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity? And what are you going to do about it? Who will protect gay children in these settings from this? (Ireland just banned anti-gay discrimination in employment in Catholic schools.)

### **FROM THE NYS CONSTITUTION:**

#### **[Use of public property or money in aid of denominational schools prohibited; transportation of children authorized]**

§3. Neither the state nor any subdivision thereof, shall use its property or credit or any public money, or authorize or permit either to be used, directly or indirectly, in aid or maintenance, other than for examination or inspection, of any school or institution of learning wholly or in part under the control or direction of any religious denomination, or in which any denominational tenet or doctrine is taught, but the legislature may provide for the transportation of children to and from any school or institution of learning. (Formerly §4 of Art. 9. Renumbered and amended by Constitutional Convention of 1938 and approved by vote of the people November 8, 1938. Formerly §4, renumbered §3 without change by amendment approved by vote of the people November 6, 1962; former § 4 repealed by same amendment.)

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